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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CHROME

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4497

1. COMMISSIONER DAVIGNON CALLED ME JUST BEFORE NOON MAY 5 TO DISCUSS RHODESIAN CHROME PROBLEM FURTHER, AFTER RETIERATING SOME OF POINTS HE HAD MADE YESTERDAY, HE ADDED NEW POINT ALLEGING OUR TECHNICAL PROPOSALS WOULD MAKE COMMUNITY OFFICIALS INTO CUSTOMS AGENTS WORKING FOR U.S. THIS PROPOSAL CREATES CLEAR POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS TIME TO HANDLE SITUATION.

2. THEREFORE, COMMISSION REPS ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO MAKE FOLLOWING COUNTER-SUGGESTION TODAY IN WASHINGTON: COMMUNITY  
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PROPOSES TO APPLY EC CERTIFICATION PROPOSAL FOR NEXT THREE MONTHS. COMMISSION WOULD BE PREPARED TO COMMIT ITSELF TO CARRY OUT URGENT CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND TO COME BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH A NEW PROPOSAL WITHIN NONE MONTH. DAVIGNON COMPARED THIS PROPOSAL WITH WHAT HE CALLED CANADIAN SOLUTION. HE SAID WE HAD GIVEN CANADIANS UNLIMITED REPRIEVE IN THAT WHILE THEY WOULD ALSO DEVELOP

NEW MECHANISMS WITH US, THERE WAS NO TIME LIMIT.

3. DAVIGNON SAID 113 COMMITTEE WOULD MEET HERE TOMORROW  
AND THAT UNLESS COMMISSION COULD REPORT THAT COMMUNITY  
HAD BEEN GIVEN ADEQUATE TIME PERIOD TO PREPARE NEW SYSTEM  
AND THAT CONSULTATIONS WERE CONTINUING, ALL HELL WOULD  
BREAK LOOSE. IT WAS CRITICAL, THEREFORE, IN HIS OPINION  
THAT U.S. REACH AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSION ALONG LINES  
DESCRIBED ABOVE TODAY, MAY 5. HINTON

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